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A View from the Bridge

When I became Chief of the Office of Readiness and Reserve in June 1985, one of my first concerns was, "in what direction is the Reserve Program in the Coast Guard proceeding?" Over the past several years our reservists have been tasked with more and more assignments. We expect our reservists to fully participate in the augmentation program, formal training, as players in readiness exercises, small boat qualifications, small arms qualifications and numerous special projects such as the security for the Olympics, the New Orleans World Fair and coming up this July the Statue of Liberty celebrations, plus the security patrols for the shuttle launches.

In order to determine where we are and where we are going in the program, I subsequently have had a group of experienced officers working on a project that we call STARFIX. The name is indicative of their mission; to plot our course, determine our direction and chart our position along the path to the future. We have two basic mission responsibilities in the Reserve Program. The first is to ensure that all our reservists are adequately trained and prepared to carry out their required tasks for their mobilization assignments. The second is for us to carry out an effective augmentation program.

With these basic guidelines the members of the STARFIX project have been working diligently over the past several months. The project's initial efforts have been directed towards determining exactly what specific tasks a reservist will be expected to perform in each mobiliza-

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A 32-foot patrol boat from Station New York conducts training with an HH52 from Air Station Brooklyn in early February 1985. (See related story on page 4.)

1985 Coast Guard Reserve Awards

Four annual Coast Guard Reserve awards have recently been presented. The *RESERVIST* offers hearty congratulations to the following deserving winners.

For the fourth straight year, the Thirteenth Coast Guard District distinguished itself as the winner of The Admiral Russell R. Waesche Award for outstanding achievement. The Reserve Officers' Association (ROA) Congressional Award, for outstanding performance by

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More GI Bill News

In our January issue's article on the new Reserve GI Bill, we reported that you could not use benefits for the pursuit of a degree at a vocational or technical school. However, according to the Veterans Administration, benefits can be used for vocational and technical courses as long as they are offered at a VA approved institution of higher education which also offers degrees (such as B.A./B.S. and A.A./A.S.) in other post-secondary courses. We hope this clarifies any possible confusion on the applicability of these benefits.

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a reserve unit or group, was won by Reserve Group Baltimore, commanded by CAPT A. Robert Matt, Jr.

The ROA Outstanding Junior Officer Award was presented to LCDR Ronald L. Murray, Commanding Officer of the new PACAREA intelligence unit on Coast Guard Island. LCDR Murray served as an enlisted member of both the Coast Guard and Army, serving on the CGC Willow and CGC Taney, as well as being chief radio operator on an Army freighter. After leaving the active service to pursue a career in law enforcement, LCDR Murray enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve as a Port Securityman Second Class. In 1973 he received his direct commission and has since served as Administrative Officer, RCC Controller, Training Officer, and Executive Officer at various units en route to his present position. In civilian life he serves with the Fremont, CA, Police Dept. He is active in numerous community service programs, many of which he has coordinated and developed.

The Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA) has selected PS1 Maxine M. Cavanaugh, of CGRU MSO Honolulu, as the outstanding enlisted Coast Guard Reservist for 1985. PS1 Cavanaugh enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1978 as a YN3 and lateralled to PS3 in 1979, advancing to her present rate in 1983. She now serves as a division officer and as the Military Officer for her unit. She is a qualified JOOD at MSO Honolulu. As an educator in civilian life, she has added much expertise to the unit's training for rate, augmentation, and mobilization. She is also very active in local civic affairs. Along with the leadership she brings to her unit, she has contributed to reserve recruiting by bringing in several members, including her own daughter, SNPS Grace Cavanaugh.

New Reserve Flag Officer

The Coast Guard Reserve has a new flag officer. CAPT (RADM Select) Daniel J. Murphy, a Captain with the San Francisco Police Department, has been nominated by the President for promotion. RADM Select Murphy has graduated from the U. S. Naval War College and the National Security Conference. At present he is the 12th District's Reserve District Inspector. He was twice awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal and is the recipient of several Letters of Appreciation. RADM Select Murphy is a direct commission officer from the enlisted ranks. He was a Chief Boatswain's Mate prior to his commissioning as a Lieutenant, Junior Grade. With the San Francisco Police Department he is the Commander of the Special Investigation Division, Intelligence Division, the Gang Task Force and the Targeted Narcotic Task Force. RADM Select Murphy's daughter Linda is a nurse in San Francisco.

Hawaii to Guam: A Three-Day Weekend

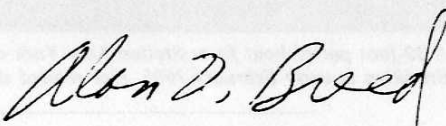
In what was one of the longest movements of personnel in Coast Guard Reserve history, members of three Hawaii based units flew more than 7,000 miles to Guam to take part in a three-day mobilization/familiarization exercise. The December 1985 exercise included hands-on activities at the commercial port facility where the members of the Guam Port Safety Detachment normally drill. In time of actual mobilization, members of the Hawaii reserve units will join members of the Guam based RU Marianas Section in providing security for the port facilities.

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tion assignment. In order to do this, STARFIX has established panels that have been and continue to meet to review the eight fundamental mission areas. These mission training areas are port operations, hazardous materials, small boat operations, command and control (communications), firefighting, intelligence, afloat and OCONUS. The panels are evaluating the required levels of proficiency for basic mobilization skills, they will analyze the specific tasks which make up each of the eight groups of functions.

Upon completion of the panels' work STARFIX will look at how the reservists' time is currently being utilized. Based upon their analysis of the reservists' time and the requirements to ensure proper mobilization training and an effective augmentation program, they will recommend the proper "mix" and any necessary revisions or changes that will enhance the overall effectiveness and productivity of the Reserve Program.

I am extremely optimistic that the work and diligence of project STARFIX will result in an increasingly strong and vigorous Reserve Program in the future.



Chief, Office of Readiness and Reserve

CGC BIBB Reunion

The World War II crew of USCGC BIBB (WHEC 31) will hold its second reunion at Cape May, New Jersey, in October 1986. The first reunion was held in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1984. This year's reunion promises to be a gala affair. For information, contact CAPT Ken Hamilton (Ret) at (201) 427-6512.

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Reserve Survey: Speak Your Mind

During March, April, and May 1986, many of you and your spouses will be asked to complete the first comprehensive survey of all reserve components. It will be the first time the views of a large number of spouses of national guard and reserve members are polled. The survey is sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. It is the first step in obtaining detailed information needed on the total national guard and reserve population to support compensation and benefit programs and Total Force Planning.

Information will be requested from national guard and reserve members and spouses about themselves, their families, and their employers. Questions about how current reserve programs impact on members and their families and their employers will be included. Views on the adequacy of benefits and future career plans will be included in the information solicited.

Members and their spouses who are randomly selected to participate in the survey are being given a unique chance to influence future plans and policy that will benefit all members of the guard and reserve. If you receive a questionnaire, please take the time to complete it to the best of your ability. This is your chance to "have your say." Take advantage of it.

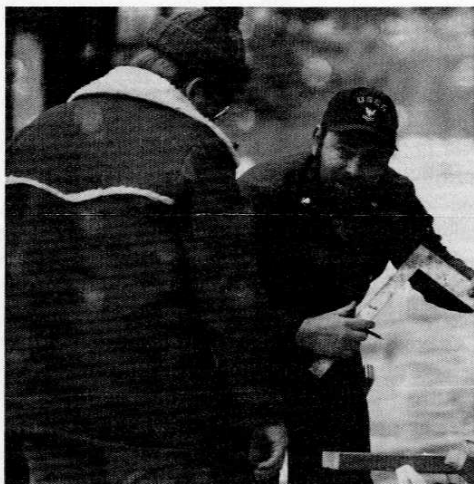
Reserve Units Make a Difference

We all know the primary mission of the Coast Guard is the safety and protection of life and property at sea. Most of us joined the Coast Guard Reserve to save lives and help others. We wanted to make a difference. And we do. We do it in big ways, and we do it in small ways. The following stories show how members of the Coast Guard Reserve have banded together to make a difference in people's lives.

How does Santa make his rounds in sunny Florida? He travels by a 32' Coast Guard boat—how else? Members of Reserve Unit MSO Tampa helped the children of the Faith Children's Home celebrate Christmas as no other Christmas. Santa, aka BMI Daniel Buechner, and his two elves, YN3 Denise Tobin and YN3 Andreanette Webb, brought gifts and fun to twenty children of the Melbourne, Florida, non-profit home. The gifts included toys and models and a large stuffed Saint Bernard by the name of PS1 Kelly. PS1 Kelly came with rather droopy ears, a rating badge, name tag, necktie, and MSO Tampa ball cap.

A bit to the north, the Holton Elementary School Parent-Teacher Club in Muskegon, Michigan, found itself with \$4,000 in playground equipment, but no playground, no money, and no volunteer labor. Reserve Unit Muskegon came to the rescue. When DC3 Dave Davis caught wind of the PTC dilemma, he

knew that RU Muskegon had the skills, patience, and heart to make sure the children had a proper playground. With a bit of organizing (such as convincing a local company to donate sand and woodchips, and persuading the Michigan National Guard to donate three 20-ton dump trucks and a 12-ton loader complete with certified operators), DC3 Davis, with the help of 16 Coast Guard reservists from all over the state, was able to give a gift that will be used for years to come—a child's paradise of swings and bars and sandboxes.



PS2 Herb Brickey and MK2 Ken Peebles of RU Muskegon lay out the sand box for the children of Holton Elementary School.



Santa and his elves arrive at RU MSO Tampa onboard CG32303

Medical Benefit for Travel to and from Inactive Duty Training

Suppose you are injured in an accident on the way to your inactive duty drill site. Would you be entitled to disability benefits from the Coast Guard? If this accident had occurred prior to 30 September 1983, the answer would have been "No." However, now you are entitled to government-provided medical care for treatment of injuries sustained enroute to or from IDT. This will be true as long as you are on a direct route to or from your IDT site and your home, the injury is of such severity to cause you to be not fit for duty, and the injury is not due to your own misconduct.

These medical benefits for travel differ from those stemming from injuries and illnesses incurred while on inactive duty training in several ways. No pay or allowances are provided for the period of disability occurring as a result of injuries sustained while traveling to or from IDT. Also, if you become ill or contract a disease enroute to or from IDT, no benefits are provided. Only medical care appropriate to treatment of the specific injury is provided.

Coverage under this benefit occurs while the reservist is on a direct route to and from home and the IDT site. In practice, reservists are allowed a reasonable time to complete the travel. Coverage does not begin until the reservist actually begins travel from his home to the IDT site. The same principle applies to returning home from IDT. Deviations to the direct route may result in disqualification for coverage. What does this mean? Stops for fuel and meals are reasonable. Certainly a detour of many miles would be a substantial deviation from a direct route. Stops for shopping or visiting friends are not considered necessary. The direct route rule is subject to interpretation. So, to be safe, it is best to keep stops enroute to a minimum.

The medical benefits while traveling to and from IDT are significant, but it is important that you understand their application and limitations. The best policy is to drive safely, wear your seat belt, and when traveling to and from IDT, maintain a direct route.

Exchange Privileges

There has been a change to the operating policy for the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES): exchange privileges can now be used over a 12 month period from the date the entitlement was earned, as shown on the Leave and Earnings Statement. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard exchanges have the same policy. Reservists who are separated from the service lose exchange entitlements on the date of separation.

MARDEZ: A Profound Impact

Since the convening of the joint Navy-Coast Guard (NAVGARD) Board in early 1980, we have been hearing quite a bit about the Maritime Defense Zone (MARDEZ). The MARDEZ concept, which was formally established in March 1984, replaces the World War II era Army Coastal Defense and Naval Sea Frontier commands which were to defend the coasts against enemy intrusion.

The NAVGARD board concluded that the Coast Guard is uniquely qualified to form the nucleus of a new coastal defense. Because of its command and control structure, statutory authority, coastal zone experience, and traditional compatibility with the Navy, the Coast Guard was assigned specific defense and readiness planning responsibilities with clearly defined command relationships to other services. The new coastal defense system centralizes control and coordination of both active duty and reserve Navy and Coast Guard forces. These responsibilities represent a merger of traditional roles and missions under a fully integrated command structure.

The immediate result of this defense system has been a reorganization of the command relationships in both the Pacific and Atlantic Areas. In addition, and most importantly for reservists, there is now a greater interest in mobilization and readiness, as well as a positive emphasis on plan development.

Liberty Weekend '86

This Fourth of July will find Governors Island, home of the Third Coast Guard District, host to the President, foreign heads of state, and several thousand VIP's as they all view OPSAIL '86. Governors Island, situated in the middle of the New York City harbor, will provide a superb view of OPSAIL '86, one part of a four day celebration for the rededication of the Statue of Liberty. Plans call for the celebration to be one of the most spectacular ever. More than 400 Coast Guard reservists will support waterside and shoreside operations.

Festivities will include the lighting of the statue by President Reagan from the flight deck of the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY. The USCGC EAGLE will lead the Parade of Sail, more than twenty of the world's tall ships, from the Verrazano Narrows to the George Washington Bridge and back. On the evening of the Fourth of July, New York City will be witness to the largest, ever, display of fireworks.

It is estimated that during the Parade of Sail and fireworks display there will be 40,000 boaters in the harbor. On Governors Island there will be more than 25,000 people including the President and other dignitaries. CAPT George Geller, USCGR, is the coordinating officer for all Third Coast Guard District activities.

The coordinating organization for all the celebration activities is Liberty Weekend '86. For additional information on events, call their hotline number (212) 302-7000.

"The time for taking all measures for a ship's safety is while still able to do so."

—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz

Operation Takeover 1985

How could you be better prepared to work at your mobilization site? Members of RU Station Port Canaveral, Florida, participate every year in "Operation Takeover", a mobilization training exercise that goes for two weeks with the entire station—from OOD shack to galley—under the able hands of reserve personnel. The 1985 exercise was designed by LTJG Mark Jones, RU Station Port Canaveral, and CWO4 Ed Huckeba, OIC of Station Port Canaveral, to improve the efficiency of the reserve unit by increasing the number of qualified personnel. The exercise also allowed regular personnel a bit of rest and relaxation during the hectic SAR season.

In addition, according to CAPT Bob Merilees, Commander Reserve Group Jacksonville, the exercise cements the relationship between the regulars and the reserves while providing an excellent mechanism for mobilization training and providing for training for weekend augmentation. The exercise provided on-the-job training for reservists while they were able to respond to the normal run of calls. These included oil spills, law enforcement boardings, and search and rescue operations including the rescue of two persons aboard the sinking M/V Maggie May.



Members of RU Station Port Canaveral go through a fire fighting drill during their "Operation Takeover 1985".

Historic 41-Footer

In the July-August 1985 issue of the *RESERVIST*, we brought you the story of Baltimore, Maryland, reservists who gave "new life" to 41303. It turns out that was a very special Coast Guard small boat: the 41303 was the CG small boat to support the first combined UNITAS/WATC effort. During its 1982 six-month deployment with the USS PORTLAND (LSD-37), the 41303 was the first USCG small boat to participate in a SAR effort in Chile, operate on the Zaire and Cameroon Rivers, and participate in small boat demonstrations in Columbia and the Ivory Coast. The 41303 maintained 100% operational capability throughout the mission, due entirely to the Coast Guard Detachment's diligence. Now the 41303 is up and running once again at 100%, due to a reserve "can do" attitude.



The 41303 is hoisted aboard the USS PORTLAND (LSD-37) off Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, during the 1982 UNITAS mission.

"Rank is given you to enable you to better serve those above and below you. It is not given for you to practice your idiosyncrasies."

—Gen. Bruce Clark

"It is an unfortunate fact that we can only secure peace by preparing for war."

—John F. Kennedy